



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES



MOTORIZED BICYCLE (MOPED) REGISTRATION

Select One: ☐ New ☐ **Renewal FEE:** \$40.00 registration fee for biennial (2-year) registration,
(\$30.00 if registering on or after November 1st.) Make checks payable to RMV.

Name of Registrant _____ Make or Brand Name _____
No./Street _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____
P.O. Box _____ VIN _____
City/Town _____ Zip _____

Motorized Bicycle Definition

According to Massachusetts law (M.G.L. c.90 § 1), a "motorized bicycle" (also known as a "moped") is defined as a pedal bicycle which has a helper motor, or a non-pedal bicycle which has a motor, and:

- 1) has a cylinder capacity of no more than fifty cubic centimeters;
- 2) has an automatic transmission;
- 3) is capable of a maximum speed of **not more than 30 m.p.h.**;
- 4) complies with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (M.G.L. c.90 § 1C).

Note: Removal of the restrictor plate (mechanical part that restricts the speed of a moped) will result in the vehicle being classified as a motorcycle and require the operator to have a motorcycle license and the vehicle to be registered and insured as a motorcycle.

Massachusetts law c.90 § 1B provides for the following restrictions in the operation of a Motorized Bicycle:

- a) Operator and any passenger must wear a helmet. The Registrar requires that the helmet meet or exceed the standards established in the United States Department of Transportation's (US DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218 for motorcycle helmets (49 CFR 571.218).
- b) Operator must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license or learner's permit.
- c) Motorized bicycles may not be **operated** at a speed greater than 25 m.p.h.
- d) Motorized bicycles may be operated on all public ways (except limited access or express state highways where signs prohibiting bicycles have been posted).
- e) Motorized bicycle operators are subject to all state traffic laws and regulations except:
 - (i) Operator may keep to the right when passing a motor vehicle moving in travel lane; and
 - (ii) Operator shall signal by either hand when stopping or turning.
- f) Motorized bicycles may be operated on adjacent bicycle lanes but not on recreational bicycle paths.
- g) Any violation is subject to a fine of up to \$25 (1st Offense); \$25-\$50 (2nd Offense); \$50-\$100 (3rd Offense).

Affix the Decal: The decal bearing a distinctive number is being issued to the motorized bicycle described above.

The decal must be affixed on the rear of the motorized bicycle so that the decal is clearly visible from the rear. **The Registration is valid to the end of the calendar year indicated.**

This Registration (and the driver's license or learner's permit) must be carried by the operator.

Sign Here



By signing below, the Registrant certifies that the vehicle described above meets the definition of a "motorized bicycle," and that he or she is the legal owner of the vehicle.

Signature of Registrant _____ Date: _____

RMV Use Only

Registrar's Stamp

Batch # _____ Date Issued: ____ / ____ / ____

Decal/Registration # _____ Expiration Date: **12 / 31** / ____